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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/718,938	Applicant(s) SEDLMAYR, STEVEN R.	
	Examiner Lee Fineman	Art Unit 2872	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 March 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 129-131 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 129-131 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is in response to an amendment filed 7 March 2005 in which claims 129-131 were amended. Claims 129-131 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 129-131 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Karasawa et al., US 5,200,843 in view of Konno et al., US 4,497,015.

Karasawa et al. disclose a system (fig. 13) or method for displaying a color image projected from a liquid crystal device (fig. 13) which includes means for a first liquid crystal light valve (8G), a second liquid crystal light valve (8B) and a third liquid crystal light valve (8R), comprising [a] means (1) for producing a collimated primary beam of light having a predetermined range of wavelengths, randomly changing orientations of a chosen component of electric field vectors; [b] means (45) for separating the primary beam of light into two or more primary color beams of light, each of the primary color beams having the same selected predetermined orientation of a chosen component of electric field vectors (from 44, column 1, lines 17-21) as that of the other primary color beams; [c] means (46) for forming the optical light paths between the light source (1) and the three liquid crystal light valves (8G, 8B, 8R) which are unequal in length and based on luminous intensity of the primary colors associated

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with respective light valve produced by the light source (fig. 13); [d] means (8G, 8B, 8R) for altering the selected predetermined orientation of the chosen component of the electric field vectors of a plurality of portions of each of the separate primary color beams of light by passing each of the separate primary color beams of light through a respective one of the liquid crystal light valves in a single direction (fig. 13) whereby the selected predetermined orientation of the chosen component of the electric field vectors of the plurality of portions of each of the separate primary color beams of light is altered in response to a stimulus means by applying a signal means to the stimulus means in a predetermined manner as each of the separate primary color beams of light passes through the respective one of the liquid crystal light valves altering the selected predetermined orientation of the chosen component of the electric field vectors (column 1, lines 31-33); [e] means (47) for combining the altered separate primary color beams of light into a single collinear beam of light without substantially changing the altered selected predetermined orientation of the chosen component of the electric field vectors of the plurality of portions of each of the separate beams of light; [f] means (48) for resolving; and [g] means (49) for passing at least one of the resolved beams (S) to a projection means (13), the projection means receiving only light having substantially the same selected predetermined orientation of the chosen component of the electric field vectors (S). Karasawa et al. disclose the claimed invention except for the collimated primary beam having a substantially uniform flux intensity substantially across the initial beam of light and a rectangular cross sectional area and having [f] means for resolving from the single collinear beam a first resolved beam having substantially a first selected predetermined orientation of a chosen component of electromagnetic wave field vectors and a second resolved beam having substantially a second selected predetermined

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orientation of a chosen component of electromagnetic wave field vectors, whereby the first and second selected predetermined orientation of the chosen component of the electromagnetic wave field vectors are different from one another. However Karasawa et al. also teaches that when using a polarizing beam splitter like element 2 (which resolves from the single collinear beam of electromagnetic energy/light a first resolved beam of electromagnetic energy/light having substantially a first selected predetermined orientation of a chosen component of electromagnetic wave field vectors and a second resolved beam of electromagnetic energy/light having substantially a second selected predetermined orientation of a chosen component of electromagnetic wave field vectors, whereby the first and second selected predetermined orientation of the chosen component of the electromagnetic wave field vectors are different from one another, see figs. 2 and 3), an absorption type polarizer like 14 is not required (see column 5, lines 49-52) and that absorption type polarizers generate higher temperatures which can cause stability problems in the system (see column 1, lines 54-61). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to replace the analyzing absorption type polarizer (48) with a polarizing beam splitter to further reduce the heat in the system. Therefore, step [f] is satisfied. Konno et al. disclose a light illumination device (fig. 5) which produces a primary beam (at M) which is collimated and has a substantially uniform flux intensity substantially across the initial beam of light (column 5, lines 43-52) and has a rectangular cross sectional area (using lens element 102, fig. 3; column 3, lines 5-8). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to replace the light source of Karasawa et al. with that of Konno et al. to have a more uniform

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intensity light beam and provide a more consistent image. The method of utilizing the structure of the claim is inherent therein.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 129-131 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Yajima et al., US 4,909,601 discloses a projection system with unequal path lengths.

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lee Fineman whose telephone number is (571) 272-2313. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:30 - 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Drew Dunn can be reached on (571) 272-2312. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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